

**US Committee for Refugees**

6692. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the U. S. Committee for Refugees (USCR) had urged upon the Government to halt the repatriation of Tamil refugees to Sri Lanka;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether USCR had also urged upon other countries to halt repatriation of refugees from their respective soils; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for such a call to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALFARO): (a) to (c). Government are aware of the report by the USCR, a non-government body, in this regard. Repatriation of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees is continuing on the basis of their desire to return and the assurance received from the Sri Lankan Government regarding their security and rehabilitation.

(d) Government have not information.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Strike by NDMC Employees**

6694. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report regarding strike by the employees of New Delhi Municipal

Committee had been submitted to the Union Government by the Delhi Administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c). A section of workers of New Delhi Municipal Committee struck work from 3.12.1991 to 22.1.1992. Their main demand was the extension of Siva Shankar Committee Scale to the left out categories of New Delhi Municipal Committee. The Administration has not so far considered it advisable to extend the scales to the remaining employees of NDMC because such extension among others could lead to similar demands from the employees of other civic bodies and branches of administration in Delhi and the financial implications would be staggering.

[English]

**Starvation of Tribal Students Living in Hostels of Kerala**

6695. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that students residing in tribal hostels in Kerala are on the brink of starvation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). The Govern-

ment of Kerala has inform that as a result of decentralisation of the administration of subjects relating to Scheduled Tribes development in Kerala with effect from 1.4.1991, the administration of hostels for tribal students was also transferred to the newly formed District Councils. The funds for implementation of various schemes/installments are allotted to District Councils in monthly instalments. The allotment of funds was not made for hostels after three monthly instalment due to non-receipt of the utilisation certificates of the previous instalments which resulted in the shortage of supply of food materials. However, supplies were arranged from local shops on credit basis. The administration of the subjects relating to Scheduled Tribes Development including all institution like hostels have been taken back by the State Government from the District Councils in November, 1991 and sufficient funds allotted to the hostels for agganging normal supplies. Now there is no problem.

[Translation]

#### **Facilities to Freedom Fighters**

6696. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of freedom fighters who have refused to take pension and other facilities provided to them by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980, Pension and other facilities such as free 1st class railway pass, free medical facilities in all hospitals under the Central Government and the Bureau of Public Enterprise and C. G. H. S. facilities wherever the scheme is in operation etc., are provided only to those freedom fighters who are desirous of the same on

receipt of their application and subject to their fulfilling the criteria prescribed in the above said scheme. The question of refusing the pension etc. would not arise.

However, as a token of the Nation's gratitude to the invaluable contribution made by freedom fighters in attaining the goal toward the Country's Independence. Central Government offered freedom fighters' pension Suo-moto to 270 eminent freedom fighters so far. Out of them 17 freedom fighters have refused to take pension and other facilities.

[English]

#### **Per Capita Availability of Milk and Milk Products**

6697. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:  
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability of milk, ghee, butter and cheese in rural and urban areas in each State during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A statement indicating Statewise per capita availability of milk during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (provisional) is attached. Separate data for per capita availability of milk, ghee butter and cheese in rural and urban areas are not available.

(b) Following are the main strategies being pursued to increase the milk production:-